

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, 1-4 and 9-11 are amended, and claim 10 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being unclear. Claim 4 is amended to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §112, second paragraph, rejection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Salgado (U.S. Patent No. 5,872,569). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Specifically, Applicants assert that Salgado fails to disclose or suggest a linking information making device wherein at least one of the services is a second linking information in order to link a plurality of services, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 2-3, 9, and 11.

Salgado discloses a job ticket programming system that includes a server for storing capabilities and attributes of devices connected through a network. Salgado further discloses an object-oriented user interface that uses icons to represent the devices (column 13, lines 58-62 of Salgado) and connecting the icons with image elements (column 17, lines 19-22, and Figures 12-13 of Salgado). Salgado, however, fails to disclose or suggest a linking information making device wherein at least one of the services is a second linking information in order to link a plurality of services, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 2-3, 9, and 11.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1-3, 9, and 11 define patentable subject matter. Claims 4-8 and 12-13 depend from claims 1 and 11 respectively, and therefore, also define patentable subject

matter. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §103(a) rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-9 and 11-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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